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**Bill No. 6690**

LCO No. 3373

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:

REP. WARD, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. DELUCA, 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SKILLS  
FUND PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) Within available  
2      appropriations, the Labor Department, in cooperation with the  
3      regional workforce development boards, shall establish a Twenty-First  
4      Century Skills Fund program to: (1) Expand work-study opportunities;  
5      (2) expand child care programs; and (3) establish a competitive grant  
6      program that awards grants to providers of innovative short courses,  
7      flexible class schedules, contextual learning curricula related to job  
8      skills, innovative distance learning or on-site learning initiatives. Such  
9      providers may include, but are not limited to, employers, community-  
10     technical colleges, vocational-technical schools, local or regional boards  
11     of education or regional educational service centers that offer adult  
12     education programs and community-based education and training  
13     providers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*